NOTE II.

SOME SPECIES OF MOLLUSCS, NEW FOR HOLLAND OR RARELY FOUND THERE.

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Some time ago Mr. W. C. van Heurn, student at the Leyden University, presented a very large collection of shells, all of them found by himself in various localities of our country, to the Leyden Museum. Among them I discovered specimens of three species, not recorded as belonging to the Dutch fauna.

- 1. Lacuna divaricata Fabr. A few specimens, collected June 1909 on the coast of Texel. Mr. M. M. Schepman, the well-known conchologist, wrote to me this being only the second time he saw Dutch specimens.
- 2. Risson membranacea Ad. Many specimens, collected June 1909 on the coast of Texel. While intending to give in this periodical a list of the shell-bearing molluses from Holland, represented in the Leyden Museum, I shall delay till then the description of the specimens of this very variable species.
- 3. Actaeon tornatilis L. One specimen, collected at Scheveningen in 1905, and two specimens, collected at the same locality May 1910. There is in the Leyden Museum still another specimen in very bad condition, collected near Loosduinen, a village south of Scheveningen, by Mr. van Breemen in 1898.

Lately Mr. P. P. de Koning, one of the Preparators of our Museum, presented some bivalve shells, collected by Notes from the Leyden Museum, Vol. XXXV. himself on the Noordwijk-shore. Among them I discovered a very curious specimen, that I could not range under any of the Pelecypoda, known from our coast. The shell was in very good condition, provided with the ligament, with the valves closed, and with rests of the animal within. It proved to be a representative of the genus Malletia, of which the Leyden Museum does not possess a single specimen. It agreed very well with the description and figures, given by G. O. Sars in "Bidrag til Kundskaben om Norges arktiske fauna, p. 41, Tab. 19. fig. 3", from Malletia obtusa M. Sars. To be quite certain I asked the Bergens Museum, if it would have the kindness of lending me a specimen of that arctic species for comparison. With great courteousness Mr. Aug. Brinkmann from Bergens Museum presented two specimens of Malletia obtusa to the Leyden Museum. They proved that I was right in identifying our specimen with the above named species, Thus Malletia obtusa M. Sars must be added to the Dutch fauna.

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